THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) The pre-feasibility study report has not yet been submitted.

(b) Does not arise.

Five star hotels with collaboration of foreign countries

*111. SHRI M.A. BABY:

SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed seven foreign companies to set up five star hotels jn the country;

(b) if so', what are the details of the said arrangements; and

(c) what are the places where those hotels would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Turnover of ITDC hotels

•112. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of sales turnover of ITDC during April, 1988 and January this year and that of the corresponding period during the preceding year and the overall occupancy of the ITDC hotels;

(b) whether ITDC has taken joint ventures in the country and abroad; if so, the location of these projects; and

(c) whether ITDC is planning to boost efficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The turnover of ITDC as a whole during the period April 1988 to January 1989 as compared to corresponding period last year and overall occupancy of ITDC hotels for the said period are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1987-88 (April-Jan)	1988-89 (April-Jan)
Turnover .	7415.60	8464.52
Occupancy	67%	68%

ITDC has so far undertaken the following Joint Venture Projects in the country and abroad :—

In the country :

Six Joint Venture Hotel Projects at Guwahati (Assam), Puri (Orissa), Ranch! (Bihar), Bhopal (MP), Pondicherry (U.T.), Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh).

Besides ITDC has also set up a Fast Food Restaurant at Mata Vai-shno Devi Shrine as a Joint Venture with Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board. [TDC has also signed agreement with Punjab Tourism Development Corporation for setting up a Joint Venture hotel project at Chandigarh with Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation for setting up a resort project at Pahalgam.

Abroad :

ITDC in collaboration with Trust of Station Restaurants Moscow has set up an Indian cuisine Restaurant at Moscow commissioned on 4-7-87. In addition ITDC has signed collaboration agreements for setting up one Joint Venture Hotel project at Wellington Newzealand and two Joint

Venture restaurants, one each at Wellington Newzealand, and at San-francisco, USA. Besides a protocol has also been signed on 6-12-88 for transfer of existing Jal Tarang Restaurant at Moscow to Mascow Ashok Corporation, the joint venture company of ITDC and Trust of Station Restaurants, Moscow.

The various steps taken by the ITDC for boosting efficiency include:—

(i) organising in house training programmes for up-dating the skills of staff;

fii) greater attention to customer satisfaction;

(iii) major renovation programme for improving the product;

(iv) develop business strategies for individual hotels vis-a-vis budget targets;

(v) streamlining the present operational systems and procedures in conformity with control and monitoring performance; and

(vi) raising occupancy through domestic and overseas marketing inputs.

Electrification of Jolarpet-Erode Section

* 113. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRIT.R.BALU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what amount was allotted for the electrification of Jolarpet-Erode section of Southern Railway;

(b) what amount, out of it, has been spent so far on this project; and

(c) by when the whole project is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The work is estimated to cost Rs. 65.75 crores.

(b) Rs. 7.39 crores upto 31st January, 1989.

(c) In VIII Plan.

निरक्षरता का उन्मूलन

*114. श्री राम जेठमलानी :
श्री राम नरेश यादव :

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि धन की कमी के कारण सरकार देश में निरक्षरता दूर किये जाने के निर्धारित लक्ष्य को प्राप्त नहीं कर सकी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान सरकार ने देश में तथा विदेशों में कई सांस्कृतिक महोत्सव आयोजित किये थे ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो ये महोत्सव कहां कहां आयोजित किये गये थे तथा गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान और चालू वर्ष 1988–89 में अब तक इन महोत्सवों पर प्रतिवर्ष अलग-अलग कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार प्राथमिक विद्यालयों के विकास को सम्यक प्राथमिकता देकर निरक्षरता को दूर करने के लिये कुछ ठोस कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री पी० शिव शंकर) : (क) प्रारंभिक शिक्षा का सर्वसुलभीकरण गैर-औपचारिक शिक्षा का एक सुव्यवस्थित कार्यक्रम और प्रौढ़ शिक्षा का जन कार्यक्रम देश में निरक्षरता-उन्मूलन की एक बड़ी योजना के अभिन्न अंग हैं । संसाधनों की सामान्य तंगी के बावजूद 1987–88 और इससे आगे इन योजनाओं में से प्रत्येक योजना के अन्तर्गत परिव्ययों में वृद्धि हुई है ।